



Trinity Lutheran Church



January  
**11**  
2026

Baptism of  
Our Lord

Together  
in Community  
Living  
with Christ  
Caring  
for Neighbors

This is my Son,  
the Beloved,  
with whom I  
am well  
pleased.

Matthew 3:17

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***We are glad you are here!***  
*It is always good to be together, hearing the Word.*  
*Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.*  
*Thank you, Duane Pomeroy, for leading worship today.*

PRELUDE

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 3***

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

**ELW 423**

1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Jan. 11 ..... Adult Sunday School ..... 9:30 AM  
 ..... Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... PFLAG meeting ..... 2:00 PM  
 Tues., Jan. 13 ..... Quilters ..... 9:00 AM  
 Thurs., Jan. 15 ..... February Trinity Tidings deadline .....  
 Sun., Jan. 18 ..... Community Relations meeting ..... 9:30 AM  
 ..... Worship w/Holy Communion ..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Pr. Melissa Woepffel presiding .....  
 ..... Trinity Lutheran Annual Meeting ..... after worship

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Hosts
Jan. 11		Dean McGinnis, Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Shelley Andrews	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Marcy Carlson	Duane Pomeroy	
Jan. 18	Janeen Horton	Diane Bottorff, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Curt Lewis	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Bob Horton	Pr. Melissa Woepffel	No coffee hour



#### ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2026, immediately after worship. If you are involved with any committees, please begin preparing your report to be included in the annual report. A preliminary version of our annual report is available for review today. There will likely be additions prior to the meeting next Sunday.

For more information, please see the bulletin insert.

#### WIDOWED WOMEN of FAITH

Join other **Widowed Women of FaiTh** on Tuesday, January 20th for lunch and companionship from 11am to 1pm in the back room at Perkins Restaurant, 1720 SW Wanamaker Road, Topeka. No RSVP needed, just come. Please, invite other Widowed Women of FaiTh. We meet every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday and will continue all through 2026. Come join us! Questions? Call Julie at (913)558-0191 or email [WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com](mailto:WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com).



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### OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

**Together in Community**

**Living with Christ**

**Caring for Neighbors**

### **Together in Community**

We are a faith community brought together to worship God and to be of service to the needs of the world as the Great Commandment is our guide in our lives (*Matthew 22:36-39, Mark 12:29-31, and Luke 10:26-27*). We are a congregation that seeks to reach all those in our county with members spread throughout Topeka area, while being rooted in Historic Old Town. In our faith, we hope to be a symbol of Christ's love in the world (*John 15:12*), to be a community of support and care (*Galatians 6:2*), and to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ came to be a Savior for all people (*Colossians 1:13-14*).

### **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

**President** Diane Bottorff

**Vice-President** Curt Lewis (Maintenance)

**Secretary** Dean McGinnis (Congregational Life)

Shelley Andrews (Administration)

Marilyn Heckman (Community Relations)

Parker Jackson (TBD)

Steve Luoma (Administration)

Duane Pomeroy (Spiritual Care)

**Treasurer** Bob Kobbeman